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In the Matter of:

T. Trinh, et al. :  
Serial No. 09/457,847 : Group Art Unit 1712  
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REMARKS

This is in response to Paper No. 4 and the restriction and election of species requirements contained therein. Claims 1-63 are in the case.

**The Restriction Requirement**

The Action alleges that the application contains claims directed to two distinct inventions defined as follows:

Group I. Claims 1 to 42 and 44 to 63 drawn to a composition, classified in class 524, subclass 588; and

Group II. Claim 43, drawn to a composition, classified in class 524, subclass 261.

It is alleged that the two inventions are related as combination and subcombination but that the inventions are distinct because the combination does not require the particulars of the subcombination for patentability and because the subcombination has separate utility. Specifically, it is suggested that "[T]he subcombination has separate utility such as a lubricant composition or a liquid carrying composition for a personal care composition."

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